

March 10, 2025

Lori Lindberg
U.S. Department of HUD
Office of Public & Indian Housing
Minneapolis Field Office
212 3rd Avenue South, Suite 150
Minneapolis, MN 55401

RE: Consolidation Notice

Dear Lori Lindberg,

The Economic Development Authority of Mankato, Minnesota requests to coordinate with the Pipestone HRA for the consolidation of their Housing Choice Voucher Program made up of 53 vouchers.

Divesting PHA: Pipestone HRA, MN049
Receiving PHA: Mankato EDA, MN063
Consolidation Date: July 1, 2025

A consolidation with the EDA would allow these vouchers to be utilized in Pipestone County or Blue Earth County. The EDA is committed to serving populations within the Pipestone County and to continue to administer the vouchers as intended under the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

To consolidate these vouchers a contractual agreement with the Pipestone HRA will be established to assist the EDA in the administration of vouchers in Pipestone County. The EDA will contract for services with the Pipestone HRA to conduct necessary inspections and assist in connecting with participants during the certification process providing reasonable accommodation as needed due to the distance between our jurisdictions. Vouchers not being utilized in Pipestone will have access to the EDA's current waitlist. A Pipestone preference would be utilized and prioritize families that could be served under contract with the Pipestone HRA.

Currently, the Mankato EDA has 917 families on the waiting list. These additional vouchers expand affordable housing opportunities in the community and are supported by the Affordable Housing Action Plan for Blue Earth County and the Strategic Plan for the city of Mankato.

We request approval to consolidate the Pipestone HRA Vouchers and are providing the enclosed resolution approved by the EDA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Susan MH Arntz
Executive Director
Enclosure